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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
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RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Hill Formation
H SUL
Athens Field
Claiborne Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 210334.0026

Dear Sir:

On behalf of APACHE CORPORATION, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hill Formation in the Athens Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the Hill Formation in the Athens Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana; a plat showing the proposed unit (to be designated as H SUL) is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.
2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within said unit, with allocation of production from the unit well to the tracts within such unit to be on the basis of surface acreage.
3. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to extend the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 48-H Series of Orders to the unit to be so created.
4. To designate Apache Corporation as the unit operator and the Apache Corporation - Lena Griffis et al No. 2 Well as the unit well for the proposed H SUL, at the exceptional location shown on the plat attached hereto, in exception to the well spacing provisions of Order No. 48-H, effective March 8, 1951.

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5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hill Formation in the Athens Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 48-H, effective March 8, 1951.

Pertinent data regarding this application will be made available for inspection at the offices of the undersigned at the above address. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call the undersigned at (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write the undersigned at the above address in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached and a copy of this application, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons required by the Rules of Procedure. The Applicant will also arrange for mailing, posting and publication of the legal notice of this hearing in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

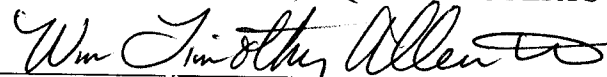
By Pre-Application Notice dated January 23, 2001, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no request for a conference, and accordingly, no conference will be held.

A check in the amount of \$700.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By: 

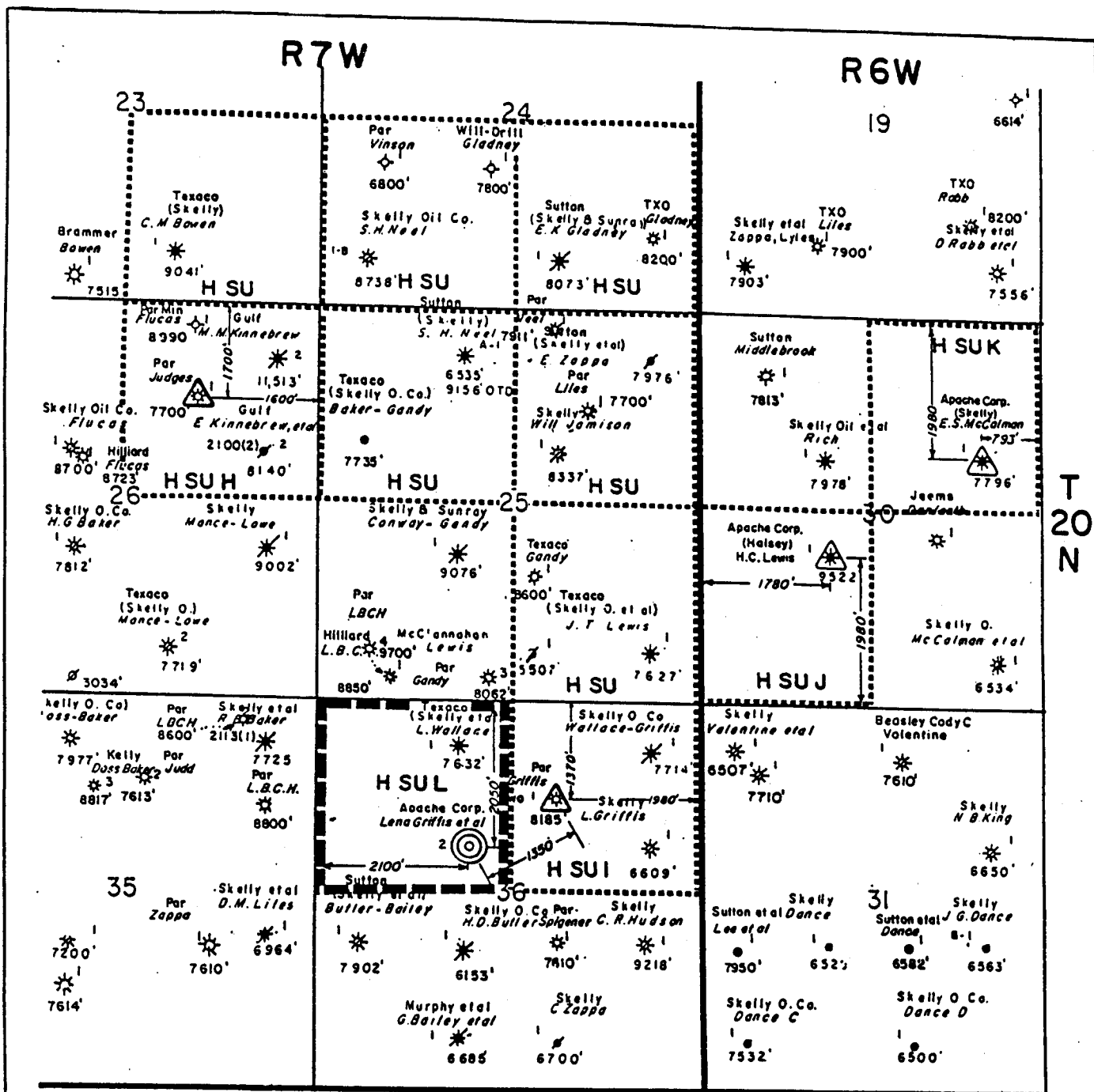
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cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager
Office of Conservation (w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)



DOCKET NO

EXHIBIT NO 1

APACHE CORPORATION HILL FORMATION

PROPOSED UNIT WELL AT EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION

PROPOSED H SU L

ATHENS FIELD
CLAIBORNE PARISH, LA.